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The city of Herat, which is, under the present indications, the prize for which both England and Russia are ultimately contending, possesses a geographical importance of such a nature as has for many centuries made it the central point for furious fighting among tribesmen and nations. Again and again it has been made the focus for Persian fury and ambition, and it is only by continual hard fighting that it now remains in the hands of the ameer of Afghanistan. When England obtained, by intrigue, cunning and hard fighting, the dominant control of Hindostan, she fully recognized Herat as one of the points d'appui from which an enemy might threaten that dominion, and hence it became the fashion to name the city "The gate of India." Situated picturesquely upon a spur of the Hindu Koosh range, and surrounded by a bewildering network of deeply irrigated rice fields—so bewildering that cavalry operations are made impossible with any freedom of action—Herat is at the same time powerfully fortified artificially. Recent Russian travelers have avowed that nowhere in the east is the art of canalization carried on so thoroughly or on so vast a scale as it has been in the valley of Herat, where the waters of the Hari-Rood are utilized to the utmost extent. This state of circumstances naturally makes Herat a valuable base of supplies for any army that may be fortunate enough to obtain possession of it. It is, therefore, no wonder that Herat has become a singularly important point of central Asiatic commerce, roads forking from it into Persia, to Cabul, to Candahar, to Beloochistan, and northward through the Merv oasis, and Turkestan, more especially that part of Turkestan which is known as Bokhara. The city is nearly quadrangular, with faces about a mile long, and the high inner wall of defense is pierced by four gates, pointing toward different great cities with which it has communication. Thus, for instance, the great gates in the celebrated walls of Delhi were known as the Lahore gate, Cashmere gate, and so on. The stupendous earthwork upon which Herat is built has been the wonder of modern times, being, according to Sir Henry Rawlinson, the great English authority on eastern matters, 250 feet in width at the base, 50 feet high, crowned by a wall 25 feet high and 14 wide at the base, and supported by no fewer than 150 circular towers, which again are protected by a ditch 45 feet wide and 15 in depth. There have been disputes about the true strength of the fortress. In 1840 General Ferrier, of the British army, gave it as his opinion that the place was only an immense redoubt which a European army could reduce in twenty days, but it is significant that in 1837, with the assistance of two English engineer-lieutenants, the Heratites successfully held it out for ten months a Persian army of 35,000 men, supported by fifty pieces of artillery, which were in many cases directed by expert Russian officers.

The mosques of Herat are made exceedingly picturesque by bluish-tinted tiles; the bazaars are rich, and swarm day and night with motley groups of men drawn from every part of central Asia, Afghanistan and India; and bearing in mind all these facts, together with the fortuitous geographical position of Herat, it is no wonder that the famous city is coveted both by Russia and England. It possesses the unenviable reputation of being one of those cities so happily situated by nature that it must become perpetually the object of every powerful nation placed in its vicinity.

SALT LAKE, April 7.—The action of the Mormon conference, just adjourned at Logan, caused deep disgust among Mormons, and ridicule among Gentiles. The first presidency's failure to show up makes their people think they have more care for their personal safety than the good of the church. A reporter of the *Tribune* was excluded Sunday afternoon, and was not allowed to enter afterwards. The long address issued from their hiding place by John Taylor and Geo. Q. Cannon is considered frothy and silly. That part complaining that they had no official notice of any process of court issued against them is received with broad guffaws. The Mormons are worse torn up now than ever before in Utah.

Prof. J. L. West, Master of the Gymnasium, Launceston, Tasmania, recommends St. Jacobs Oil to athletes for aches, pains, sprains, from experience among his pupils.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Official information has been received here that Salvador intends invading Guatemala.

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THE AFGHAN FARCE.

It seems that John Bull's noble rage has about died out. M. Lesar has done his work neatly. For the sake of appearances, Earl Granville declines to accept his boundary line, but he has agreed to appoint commissioners to meet commissioners appointed by Russia, who are to mark the line during the present month. The line will probably run a few miles north of the one traced by Lesar. But as the mountain range which runs some twenty to thirty miles north of Herat is the natural boundary, it matters little practically what boundary is declared by the commissioners. The net result of the operations will be that the Russians will get within striking distance of Herat, with the assent of England, and that the empire of India, after having blundered in the most alarming manner, will surrender all that the Muscovite ever claimed.

English statesmen do not seem to be a match for Russians. When Lord Dufferin said the Afghan advance to Peshawar he must have known that it would be regarded as a challenge and that it would be accepted by Russia. If he did not intend to fight why did he pull his enemy's nose? M. De Giers has shown himself to be a worthy successor of Gortschakoff. He has been throughout smooth, calm, complacent, conciliatory. But he has managed, through the blundering of his adversary, to advance the Russian frontier a full hundred miles to the south and has got where he can occupy Herat whenever occasion serves. The English have lost the trick and the Russians have four by honors.

WINNIPEG, April 7.—Troops started from Quappelle at daybreak for Prince Albert. They will probably be joined at Touchwood hills by A battery, B battery remaining at Quappelle station. The Queen's Own rifles join the main body on the march northward. A cordon of police has been established along the international boundary, and with the assistance of American troops in the department of Dakota, the rebels' escape into Montana will be prevented.

LONDON, April 7.—The government is continuing its preparations for arming fast ocean steamers. Work on the Anchor line steamer *America*, and the Cunard steamer *Oregon* will be begun to-morrow. These steamers will receive an armament of ten guns each, and each will have transportation facilities for 1500 men. Every movement of Russian vessels in all parts of the world is watched, and it was declared to-morrow a vast tonnage of Russian cargoes now afloat would be liable to capture.

LONDON, April 7.—Lord Granville has forwarded a dispatch to the British ambassador at St. Petersburg refusing to accede to the request of the Russian foreign minister to extend the line of the debatable zone on the Russo-Afghan frontier to the Parapamian mountains. Earl Granville insists that the lesser line be the farthest limit, and urges an early meeting of the joint boundary commission.

CITY OF MEXICO, (via Galveston), April 7.—The president of Salvador is not yet certain of victory, in spite of the death of Barrios, and wants the active aid of Mexico in order to terminate the war quickly, with as little loss of life as possible. It is thought here now that President Diaz will accede to Salvador's request, and that congress will grant the necessary authority for a declaration of war.

PARIS, April 7.—The preliminaries of peace between France and China stipulate that hostilities shall cease on the 10th inst., and that the Chinese shall evacuate the Red river delta on the 20th, and other positions gradually, while the French shall occupy Formosa and Peng-Hoo, enforce the blockade of rice boats and search neutrals until a definitive treaty of peace has been signed.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 7.—The Russian government is making active preparations to put the great naval and military station of Cronstadt in a state of complete defense. The harbor has already been protected by the sinking of hundreds of torpedoes in the ship channel.

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